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LITTLE MOMENTUM

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EMBASSY'S OBSERVATIONS HERE CONCUR WITH THOSE EXPRESSED IN
REFTEL. POLISH AMBASSADOR AND DCM HAVE REPEATEDLY STATED
THAT THEIR GOVERNMENT IS NOT DISPOSED TO FINANCE
PORTUGAL'S POLITICAL FRIVOLITIES. THEY CLAIM THAT POLAND
WISHES TO AUGMENT ITS TRADE WITH PORTUGAL, BUT ONLY IF
TRANSACTIONS HAVE SOUND COMMERCIAL JUSTIFICATION, I.E.,
THEY PROVIDE CLEAR BENEFITS FOR POLAND. MUCH DISCUSSED
SHIPBUILDING CONTRACT EXEMPLIFIES THIS ATTITUDE. THOUGH
DISCUSSIONS HAVE BEEN UNDERWAY FOR MORE THAN A YEAR, NO
AGREEMENT SEEMS TO BE IN SIGHT. POLISH AMBASSADOR AND DCM
INSIST THAT PURCHASE MUST BE FINANCED BY PORTUGUESE; PORTUGAL,
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ON THE OTHER HAND, WANTS POLAND TO FINANCE CONSTRUCTION

COSTS. POLAND IS OFFERING \$6 MILLION PER SHIP, PORTUGAL
IS ASKING \$10 MILLION. POSSIBILITY OF POLISH PARTICIPATION
IN CONSTRUCTION OF BEET SUGAR PLANT SEEMS MORE REALISTIC,
BUT AGREEMENT IS BEING DELAYED BY LACK OF A FEASIBILITY
STUDY AND DISAGREEMENT OVER FINANCE CONDITIONS.
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